

# **APPROVED: September 8, 2008**

## **UTAH PASSENGER ROPEWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**June 11, 2008**

### **Wolf Creek Resort Golf Course Clubhouse Eden, Utah**

#### **Committee Members Present:**

Chris Anderson, Chairman  
LeRoy Schultz, Vice-chairman  
Onno Wieringa, Member  
Peter Dahlberg, Member  
Les Fuller, Member

#### **Attorney General's Office**

Paul Tonks

#### **UDOT Commissioner**

Stephen Bodily

#### **Members Absent:**

Robert Hull, Ex-officio Member  
Curt Panter, Member

#### **Committee Support Staff:**

Brian Allen, Ropeway Safety Engineer  
Cindy Finau, Secretary

#### **Others Present:**

Mike Beeley, Doppelmayr-CTEC  
Jeff Summers, Wolf Creek Resort  
Van Edgette, Alta  
George Marshall, Alta  
Patrick McLane, Park City Mountain Resort  
Jeff Miller, Deer Valley  
Ted Seeholzer, Beaver Mountain  
Jason Provost, Soldier Hollow  
Jan Leonard, Jan W. Leonard, P.E. & Assoc.  
Mike Doyle, Brighton  
JR Reinhardt, The Canyons  
Kent Matthews, Powder Mountain  
Shane Matthews, Powder Mountain  
Spencer T. Adams, Solitude  
Nate Lee, Solitude  
Coe Steadman, Snowbasin

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00p.m. Chris Anderson thanked Wolf Creek for the accommodations for the Ropeway Committee Meeting as well as the meetings in conjunction with the ISAA Conference. We wish to also thank the helpful employees at Wolf Creek who made everyone attending both functions feel welcome. Appreciation was given to all areas represented as well as manufacturers and interested parties for their attendance and support.

## **I. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

After a brief review of the minutes taken May 12, 2008, a few changes were noted. LeRoy Schultz motioned to approve the minutes as amended and Onno Wieringa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **II. STOP GATE REQUIREMENTS**

In January the Committee discussed an incident at Soldier Hollow where a lift operator was caught by a handle and pulled around the terminal equipment of the tow. Since that time Brian Allen has been trying to acquire the tow requirements in Europe. Brian received some documents, which seemed to be from the manufacturer's manual for the tow and also an e-mail indicating that these documents reflect what is required by the European Standards. These were included in the agenda for comments and discussion, which did take place.

## **III. UPDATE – ANNUAL ASC B77 MEETINGS**

Chris Anderson said the ASC B77 Meetings in San Francisco were very good and productive. Several issues moved forward in various subcommittees. Many proposals will be put forth for a subcommittee vote in the near future and then afterwards will be presented as a pre-ballot or full-ballot vote. Because many of the people attending this meeting were members of a subcommittee at the ASC B77 Meetings, it was suggested that comments from them be made to give the area operators an idea of what was discussed. LeRoy Schultz said that next year there would be an addendum pertaining to all of the changes. They will then be reviewed at the Winter Trade Show. The changes will be finalized next year. Brian Allen stated that the Funicular Standard will go to vote this fall, and the exception we granted for Deer Crest to run will be addressed in this next Funicular Standard. Therefore, the exception will go away after it is approved. The subject of loading conveyors was discussed, and it was determined that a loading conveyor is an accessory to a lift. Instead of falling under the Conveyor Section, it will be considered part of the lift and addressed in the Loading Section under Fixed Grips and Detachables. During the discussion of the ASC B77 Meetings, it was noted that the Electrical Section of the Funicular Standard is moving along and Larry Smith did a great job talking about this item. Another item that needs to be addressed at some point is the fact that ANSI is top heavy. It is felt that there are not enough operational people represented.

## **IV. ACTION ITEM LIST**

Several months ago it was suggested that Brian Allen make a matrix regarding the action items discussed in our Ropeway Committee Meetings. In doing this the members can see what has been discussed

and the status of each item. Items will continually be added and some deleted as they are finalized according to what direction the Ropeway Committee want to go. If anyone is interested in discussing a particular topic, please contact Brian Allen. Chris Anderson mentioned that the items should be dated and numbered. An action item list will be attached at the end of every agenda. Brian Allen was asked to explain the rule making process if we needed to change a rule. Brian said after the committee reviews and approves either a new rule or one that is changed, it is then reviewed by the Transportation Commission. Next it goes to the Administrative Rules Office where it is published for public comment for a specified number of days. If no comments come back, it is then adopted. The whole process takes 3 to 4 months. On the other hand, we may set up guidelines for the things the Ropeway Committee wants addressed or things we are concerned with. Brian is careful not to include requirements in the guidelines that do not already exist in the Rules.

## **V. UPDATES**

### **Forest Service**

Nothing was presented from the Forest Service.

### **Staff**

Brian Allen had nothing more to present.

### **Areas**

**THE CANYONS:** J.R. said he came to the meeting ready to talk about the Minor Club Lift and find out what is needed to move forward. J.R. did mention that the easement was established prior to our air space requirement so the easement is extremely narrow and every inch has been used up. The chair height is about 25' from the ground level. The Canyons should present to the Committee what is going to take place and what is going to be built. The Committee will in turn ask questions about the project concerning heights, etc. If their answers are adequate and satisfactory on every issue, they probably would not need to bring in an engineer. The gondola has been rebuilt and is ready to go. They are waiting for permits for their proposed new lifts. Their summer operations begin next week, and they are in their maintenance activities.

**SOLDIER HOLLOW:** Jason Provost indicated that they are going to put up shades for the lifts themselves. These shades will be similar to flags so the shades can be pulled up at the un-loads. This is the main project that will be worked on this summer other than the usual summer maintenance.

**BEAVER MOUNTAIN:** Ted Seeholzer said all their lifts ran well last year and no new ones are scheduled for the summer. All the time-consuming lift maintenance they did last year paid off so they are at it again. They are just waiting for the snow to melt in the campgrounds.

**PARK CITY MOUNTAIN RESORT:** Pat McLane stated that the Park City Commission is meeting today concerning the permit for the new lift. If the permit is obtained, then work will be under way immediately. It will be great getting people out of the base area. The top terminal will be able to send people in 5 other directions to access other lifts. They are also getting ready to do their summer maintenance.

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**ALTA:** Onno Wieringa said they are putting in a loading conveyor on the Supreme lift this summer. It will be height adjustable. Jan Leonard will be helping with the project.

**SOLITUDE:** Summer operations at Solitude will start next week. Their maintenance is going well.

**SNOWBASIN:** Coe Steadman said they had an extended season like everyone else. In a few days they should have the foundation for the new Cat lift.

**DOPPELMAYR-CTEC:** Mike Beeley said they are dealing with permits and weather issues. They are working on permits for Park City, The Canyons, and Solitude. The first sections of the girders are up on the guide-way rails at Deer Crest. In a couple of weeks most of it should be completed. They have had a few problems with the terminal foundations and with the excavation of soils. Two sections of the guide-way will be put into the bottom section of the hotel later this summer. The plan is to have it operational in late November. This will be a unique piece of machinery, and Doppelmayr-CTEC will probably contract with St. Regis to do the maintenance.

**POWDER MOUNTAIN:** Kent Matthews said they will have a maintenance summer this year. Powder Mountain has been approved to become a town but more discussion will take place with the County. Therefore, they are just preparing for another season. Everything was great last year with skier visits.

**JAN LEONARD, P.E. & ASSOC:** They are extremely busy and have a number of consulting jobs around the Country. They work with Hill Tracks elevators and are bidding on a number of projects.

**DEER VALLEY:** Jeff Miller indicated that they are not doing a lift this year. Their maintenance is on-going and are preparing for summer operations to open on the 13<sup>th</sup>. The upper mountain is going to be open for the first weeks to scenic rides only.

LeRoy Schultz took a few moments to discuss conveyors in Utah. We are bound by the definition of the Legislature. The Utah Legislature is very specific in the language they have used in the conveyor definition as being for skiing or snowboarding only. For example: a conveyor used solely for a tubing operation doesn't fall under our jurisdiction. It would fall under 'amusement rides.'

## **VI. SAFETY TOPIC**

Chris Anderson is aware that everyone is starting their safety training on all aspects of maintenance, lifts, etc. The most important thing to do is to document all training and kept on file. In this way you are covering the ski area. Onno Wieringa added that during the winter you have a lot of ski patrollers and defibrillators all over the mountain. This is a good time to bring them into the lift maintenance departments and shops. Training should also be given on their use and how to operate them.

## **VII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held September 8, 2008 at Wolf Mountain and will begin at 1:00p.m.

